Drift of Polluted Clouds over India may cause Cancer

*208. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the drift of the polluted clouds over India from the Gulf area are likely to pose a danger of increase in the incidence of cancer in India;

(b) if so, whether any remedial steps are being taken in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER QF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) There is no scientific evidence to conclude that the drift of polluted clouds over India from Gulf area may increase the incidence of cancer in India.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Action Plan for the Welfare of Children and Women

*209. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL. Will the Minister of HUMAN" RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Women and Child Welfare has launched any action plan for the welfare, care and nutritious feeding of preschool children and to impart nutrition education to women, particularly in rural areas of States like Rajasthan and Orissa during the current financial year;

(b) if so, what are the detail:; thereof and expenditure proposed to be incurred this year, State-wise;

(c) what is the number of Government/Voluntary agencies engaged in this task at present; and

(d) what is the proposed assistance to be provided to each such agency this year in the two States as mentioned above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI MAM AT A BANERJEE): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) The Department of Women and Child Development is implementing through . State . Governments * and. Voluntary Organisations, schemes on these subecjts in the country includ ing in the States of Orissa and Rajasthan. The details regarding these two States are as follows:—

PART--I : Details relating to Rajasthan :

S. No.	Name of Scheme	No. of Centrally sponsored projects/ Centres	No. of Beneficiaries		Amount proposed to be spent during 1991-92 (Rs. in crores)
			Children (in lakhs)	Mothers	
1	Integrated Child Development Services	109 projects	5.65	1.01	12.37
2	Balwadi Nutrition Programme .	208 Centres	0.08		0.18
3	Creche/Day Care Centre . .	697 Centres	0.17 (Children & Mothers)		0.89
4	Wheat-based Nutrition Programme	—	0.66		0.99